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## IT PROVED A BOOMERANG.

The intimations reflecting upon the official integrity of J. H. Campbell, published "by the authority of the Republican County Committee" have served to disgust the republicans and to inflame the democrats.

The circular purporting to be issued and circulated by the authority of the Republican County Committee and reflecting upon the integrity of J. H. Campbell, Circuit Clerk, has proven a boomerang. Republican candidates are making haste to disclaim all connection with it. They are moving heaven and earth to stand out from under. It has been impossible to find a man who has been affected by this circular as it was intended. The republicans themselves are ashamed of it and make awkward apologies for it. Democrats and non partisans are indignant about it. All fair minded men consider the attack as bad politics, cowardly, and deserving of swift rebuke at the polls.

The circumstances are these: The Circuit Clerk's books are public records to which every citizen of the county has free access at any time. The lawyers have occasion to inspect these records almost daily; the sheriff and other officers almost as often. At the end of nearly eight years of honorable service, about ten days before election day, the districts of the county more remote from the towns are flooded with circulars, distributed by nobody knows whom, drafted by nobody knows whom, containing no direct charge of misappropriation of fees but intimating such a charge. The drafters of this circular have never appeared before the County Court, the tribunal constituted by law for the investigation of such matters, to request an examination of the books. The authors of the document thus confess that it is not investigation they want but victory at the polls. They thus confess that they prefer victory to justice, prefer slander clandestinely diffused to an open examination of the books. With free access to the books for nearly eight years these men fail to specify a single fee that has been held back, but content themselves with darkly intimating that probably some have been held back. With the open books before them, without framing a direct charge they are willing to reflect indirectly upon the personal integrity of a man held in the highest regard in every quarter of the county, one who is not a candidate and taking no active part in the campaign on the very eve of the election and in an unsigned circular, secretly distributed for the most part in the remote parts of the county.

Thus the "Square Deal" party is on trial next Tuesday.

In reply to the unsigned, obliquely phrased insinuations of the circular first privately circulated, Mr. Campbell promptly gave to the public press the following signed statement:

"If I have retained one single fee belonging to others, the matter would appear at once upon an inspection of the records of my office and the republican committee could have discovered at least one case upon which to base a direct charge; but instead of this they have chosen to insinuate a lie when the truth was so accessible. My books are open to everybody. Come and see for yourselves. They are public records."

I state here that I have paid over to the treasurer every dollar of fees received by me and required by law to be turned over."

## Road Improvement Society.

The Lafayette County Roads Improvement Society will meet at Higginsville, Nov. 8, 1906. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

JOHN H. DIERKER, Secretary.  
County papers please copy. 10-13td

## Democratic Meeting.

A meeting of the democrats of Lexington was held at the Court House Thursday night. The meeting was called without any announced purpose, but from the first it was evident that the matter uppermost in the minds of all was that of resentment against the publication of the circular reflecting upon Mr. Campbell. William Aull called the meeting to order and made one of the severest arraignments ever heard here of the men who, he said, have published and distributed injurious reflections upon the character of an honorable man, indirect reflections and dark insinuations, without pointing to the instance of a single fee that had been held back from the public treasury, although the books are public records, open to everybody, and the slanderers have had seven years in which to find an error. He spoke of the utter repudiation of this kind of politics by many of the republicans of Lexington.

Mr. Aull was followed by a large number of citizens who spoke in similar vein—Judge W. G. McCausland, Captain Samuel J. Andrew, Judge William Young, S. N. Wilson, Prest E. W. White, Col. Samuel J. Huston, Robert A. Hicklin, Col. R. N. Cook, J. R. Moorehead and others. By motion a committee was appointed to draft resolutions embodying the sentiments of the meeting as expressed in the speeches delivered.

The resolutions were as follows:

Whereas, there was in the Higginsville Advance of Oct. 26, 1906, a publication "issued by authority of the Republican County Committee of Lafayette County," by which it was sought to make the impression on the public that J. H. Campbell, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, was unlawfully retaining money belonging to the county, and making a pretended demand for an investigation Resolved—That the said publication is unwarranted by the facts and is cowardly slanderous, and is a reckless attempt to aid the cause of the republican candidates for office at the expense of the good name of an honorable, high-minded and faithful citizen and public officer.

Resolved—That we call upon all lovers of fair play, republicans and democrats alike, to join us in giving a lasting rebuke to such methods of political management and partisan trickery by burying the willing beneficiaries of such a scheme under a majority that shall be an effective warning to those who may be hereafter tempted to adopt like practice.

Resolved—That we assure Mr. Campbell of our continued confidence in his uprightness and integrity and that this attack has only drawn us the more closely to his side.

## The New City Hall.

The fire department and scales have already been moved into the new City Hall. All the other departments of the city government are moving in today except one. The cells are not yet ready for the transference of the city prisoners. The new hall was open to the general public Thursday, Thursday night, Friday and Friday night, when some of the city officers were on hand to show the people through.

The new city hall is perhaps the handsomest and most up-to-date building of its kind to be found in Missouri in any city of the size of Lexington. It is an ornament and a credit to the city; is convenient, complete and constructed with a view to all the economies which can be exercised in the matters of time and operating expenses.

## Promoted.

At the meeting of Group No. 5 Missouri Bankers' Association held in Booneville Tuesday, Walter B. Waddell of the Lexington Savings Bank was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Waddell has been secretary of Group 5 for several years.

## The Home Cook Book.

The new edition of the Home Cook Book, issued by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, will be found on sale at W. G. McCausland's Dry Goods store to this city. ttd&w

## Seems to be in Earnest.

The announcement that the Missouri River Packet Company has purchased the third of a line of boats to be operated between St. Louis and Kansas City ought to be news of interest to the people of Lexington. The steamboat may be a slow means of transportation; and it may fail altogether during several months of each year. But it may prove the most available means of expressing the resentment which the people of Lexington feel toward the Missouri Pacific railroad for the insolence and indignity with which they have been treated during two years. Undoubtedly the traffic between the two great cities on the opposite sides of the state can readily support a daily boat line without the assistance of the interior towns. And it behooves Lexington to cultivate the packet company, to get rates established, to secure some sort of warehouse for the safekeeping of freight, and to be in position to give to the packet company every pound of freight it can. The people of Lexington can get along better without any railroad at all than without their self respect. And they cannot retain their self respect without respecting by every means in their power the overbearing indifference of the railroad to the comfort, sense of dignity, and town pride of the people of the best non-compulsive print on the Missouri Pacific system.

## Revival Meetings at Christian Church.

Revival meetings, conducted by the Martia Family, will begin at the Christian Church next Sunday morning. Services will begin each evening promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Martin's subjects for the first week are as follows:

Sunday—Morning, "The Master Mind of the Centuries." Evening, "Life's Most Important Question."

Monday—"The Great Confession."

Tuesday—"Great and Precious Promises."

Wednesday—"The One Great Certainty of Life."

Thursday—"Neglect and its Consequences."

Friday—"The Great Salvation."

Saturday—"Decisions Determine Destiny."

Services will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody cordially welcomed.

## The Elks Ball.

The Elks Lodge gave a mask ball, a Halloween affair, at their beautiful home in this city Thursday evening. About forty couples of dancers were present besides numerous on-lookers. Nearly everybody wore disguise of some sort and most of these disguises were exceedingly amusing.

The hall was decorated with pumpkin jack-o'-lanterns, bitter-sweet and corn fodder, besides the lodge colors. The grand march was led by the Exalted Ruler, Theodore Bates, and Miss Norma Steele.—Mr. Bates masked as cowboy and Miss Steele as Western girl.

At 11 o'clock the ceremonial Elk toast to absent brothers was drunk, led by the Exalted Ruler.

Upon the removal of the masks the identity of many of the maskers was revealed for the first time. Altogether the occasion was a most delightful one, one of the most enjoyable of the many happy social occasions of this order.

There were refreshments consisting of cider, gingerbread, popcorn and apples.

Smith's orchestra furnished the music.

## W. M. A. Halloween Dance.

The cadets of Wentworth Academy gave a Halloween dance in the Armory Hall Thursday night. About sixty couples of dancers were present besides many spectators.

The hall was gaily decorated with bunting, besides the conventional Halloween decorations of corn fodder, pumpkins, jack o' lanterns, etc. Refreshments consisting of punch, doughnuts and apples were served.

The cadet orchestra of ten pieces furnished the music.

Mrs. F. R. Neet went to Sedalia Thursday night called there by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. May Salechmer.

## Death of Mrs. Connor.

Died at the home of H. B. Tunstall on South street, Monday night at 1:30 o'clock, Mrs. Sophia E. Connor, widow of the late Captain Jacob D. Connor. She had been ill only a few days, with an affection of the heart, and but little hope of recovery was entertained from the first.

Mrs. Connor was the eldest of the six children of the late George W. Ferrell—long a citizen of this county—and was born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. In her early youth she lived in Baltimore, and while yet a young girl she came with her parents to Wellington, Missouri, where six years later—in 1856—her mother died, leaving to her the responsibility of the household. In November 1870 she was married to the late Captain Jacob D. Connor, upon whose election to the office of Recorder of Deeds in 1875 she came with him to Lexington, where she has lived ever since.

Of her brothers and sisters three are still living: W. H. Ferrell, Chickasha, Indian Territory; Mrs. W. A. Daniels, Valley Falls, Kansas; and Mrs. H. B. Tunstall of this city. Captain Connor died in December 1891 and since that time Mrs. Connor has made her home with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Tunstall.

Mrs. Connor became a member of the Methodist church when she was a girl of sixteen years. She remained devoted to the work and interests of her church until the last. She was a modest, unobtrusive woman and was held in remarkable affection by her family and friends.

The funeral services of Mrs. Connor were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the M. E. Church South. Rev. W. T. McClure, of Nevada, assisted by Dr. Z. M. Williams, of Kansas City, and Dr. C. E. Pattillo conducted the services. Interment in Macphail.

## McIntyre-Blee.

Married at the Cathedral in Kansas City Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. John J. Fitzgerald officiating. Thomas McIntyre and Miss Bella Blee, both of this city. The attendants were James Herson and Miss Nellie Blee, sister of the bride. After a stay of several days in Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre will return to this city and go to housekeeping in the Bell flats.

The bride is the eldest of the daughters of Harry Blee and since the death of her mother has had the responsibility of the household. She has many warm friends here who will be interested in this announcement.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McIntyre, was reared here, and has been successfully engaged in the saloon business for the past four or five years.

## Wright-Good.

Zach A. Wright, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Wright, and Miss Rhoda Lee Good, both of this city, were married at the Christian Church parsonage in this city Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. B. Briney performing the ceremony. The groom is associated with his father in the grocery business on 10th street. The bride is the niece of James Good, former deputy sheriff of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will keep house in rooms over the store.

## In Honor of Rev. Myers.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a reception Friday evening in the Sunday school rooms of the church in honor of Rev. H. W. Myers, Missionary at Tokushima, Japan, to which the men of the church were invited. Rev. Myers made an address urging the organization of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, an organization which exists in many of the churches of the south. Steps were taken to form such a society here. Refreshments were served in the basement of the church.

## In Honor of Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. E. W. White and Mrs. A. E. Rogers, of Lexington College, entertained about thirty of their friends Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Morris Johnson of Booneville. Fling was played. At the conclusion of the games refreshments were served.

## Council Proceedings.

Council met Tuesday night in adjourned session, all members present except Councilman Mayer.

With the consent of bondsmen 30 days extension of time was granted C. A. Taubman to put in prison call. The fire board of the council recommended that two of the fire wardens be paid to be custodians of the new city hall and to give all of their time to the service. The recommendation was adopted. The mayor appointed Tol Brightwell as custodian of the hall until further action is taken.

The council voted to move into the new city hall, which was done at once.

It was ordered that the fire bell be moved at once to the tower of the new city hall.

Council adjourned to meet in regular session November 12.

## Wentworth Defeated.

In a double header on the Academy campus Saturday afternoon the fifth foot ball team of the Academy defeated the third team by the score of 11 to 0 and Leavenworth High school won from the first team of the Academy by the score of 4 to 0. The first was a much closer game than the score indicates and had it not been that luck favored the fifth team the score would have been a tie. Both touchdowns were made in the last half.

The result of the second game was a surprise to many, as Wentworth was picked to win. The teams, however, proved to be evenly matched. Leavenworth having slightly the best of it in weight, also in handling punts. The only scoring that was done was when Leavenworth kicked a goal from the forty yard line. Wentworth's inability to handle punts well, together with several bad fumbles, prevented them from scoring. Several times the ball was carried to within striking distance of Leavenworth's goal and lost by fumbles, while Leavenworth gained as much or more ground by the manner in which Wentworth handled punts as in other ways.

It must be remembered, however, that Wentworth's team is composed nearly altogether of new material, several of the members never having played the game at all until this fall. This considered, the showing made in this game and the one with the Normals a week ago is very creditable.

## Lexington H. S. 6; Higginsville H. S. 0.

In a well played game of foot ball at Higginsville Saturday the Lexington H. S. foot ball eleven defeated the Higginsville H. S. eleven by a score of 6 to 0. The victory was due to the fine playing of the whole team. Capt. Campbell of Lexington, carried the ball over the goal line, after nine minutes of play from 55 yard line Morris kicked goal. This game tested the strength of our eleven for Higginsville was known to have a good team and outweighed our men 20 lbs. to man. The line up was as follows:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| LEXINGTON               | HIGGINSVILLE    |
| Groves.....l. e.....    | Gramham         |
| Moore.....l. t.....     | Peacock         |
| Greene.....l. g.....    | L. Willis       |
| Morris.....c.....       | W. Burgan       |
| J. Bush.....f. g.....   | W. Ridge        |
| R. Bush.....f. t.....   | Beattie         |
| Becker.....e.....       | H. Burgan       |
| Barnett.....h.....      | E. Ridge        |
| Campbell Capt.....l. h. | Willis E. Capt. |
| Harwood.....f.....      | Bruckner        |
| Shouse.....q. b.....    | O'Brien         |

## Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled or at the postoffice, at Lexington, Mo. November 8, 1906.

Miss Leona B. Adams, C. P. Carroll, Mrs. Resie Dodson, Miss Cora Greewade, Mrs. Florence George, Will Gray, Charley Hawgwood 2, Miss Sue Lowe, Mrs. Mollie James, Florence D. McGraw, W. W. Mercer, Amos Newark, Thos. H. Patterson, Price Stone, J. W. Spruce, W. Williams, Roger D. Williams, M. York, Mrs. Mat Young.

When calling for these please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER,  
Postmistress.

## Wellington and Vicinity

(BY "LES ALMA".)

O. H. Duck was in Lexington on business Wednesday.

J. O. Lesueur was up from Lexington on business Thursday.

Born, on Friday at Labor Exchange mine, to the wife of John Cade, a boy.

W. E. Bryant and daughter, Miss Mamie, were in Kansas City Tuesday.

John A. Workman, of Independence, has been here several days looking over his farm.

J. A. Balford has rented the dwelling house of Mrs. L. Burgess and will move to town.

E. H. Nahn and J. L. Alley, of Independence, Mo., were transacting business here Monday.

Deputy county surveyor was here doing some work for Labor Exchange mine branch 305 Thursday.

Hon. H. F. Blackwell and W. H. Chiles will deliver speeches to the democrats of Wellington and vicinity Saturday evening, Nov. 8.

John Sloval has been given the contract to prepare the road from Waterloo north through Egypt Bottom and the work is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Kinkad entertained a number of their young friends Wednesday evening. The dance continuing until a late hour.

Henry Rocklaga living near Sunshine is loading a car with pumpkins for a Kansas City pie company and if venture proves profitable several other car loads will follow.

Misses Annie Woodard, Nannie Rider, Misses Dora and Annie Slade and Messrs. J. L. and George Rider attended the funeral of Mrs. S. E. Connor at Lexington Thursday noon.

His mother having left the room for a minute, while studying his lessons at about 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening one of H. G. Larberg's little boys turned over a lamp upon the dining room table and the escaping oil was ignited. An older brother attempted to throw it into the yard but his hand was burned and the lamp fell to the floor and the big blaze shot up the wall to the ceiling. Mr. Larberg, who was at the postoffice a few yards away, heard the screams of his family and in company with several citizens, went to the scene and by the use of a fire extinguisher, succeeded in putting out the flames. The damage will be about \$25.

Friends here were surprised and grieved to learn of the demise, after a brief illness with heart troubles at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. B. Tunstall in Lexington on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1906, of Mrs. Connor. She was a native of Harper's Ferry, Va., but at an early age moved with her father, George W. Ferrell and family to Missouri and for many years was a resident of Wellington, where she was united in marriage to the late J. D. Connor, Oct. 28, 1869. Mrs. Connor was a kindhearted, patient, affable woman with many lovable virtues, esteemed and respected by all around her and for many years a faithful, worthy and ever zealous member of the M. E. church South. A good woman gone hence to the reward that awaits God's faithful.

Last Thursday night shortly after midnight Stephen Oles, who works on the night shift at the Lanning Harris mine, was returning home and who only a short distance west of the plant when he found the dead body of Ples Smith an employee of the mine, lying on the railroad track, the head crushed and the lower body crushed and mangled. Smith had been to this city in the afternoon and was last seen badly intoxicated at about 8 o'clock at night at which time Alex. Denton refused to sell him more liquor, and it is supposed he started home and was killed by an east bound fast freight train at about 11 o'clock. The remains were interred at the Mount Olivet cemetery by the miners union.

## Entertained the Bridge Club.

Miss Gladys Winn entertained the bridge club Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock. The prize was won by Miss Nadine Steele. A course luncheon was served.